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HEROIC ROBOT BOY & DOG

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ROLL
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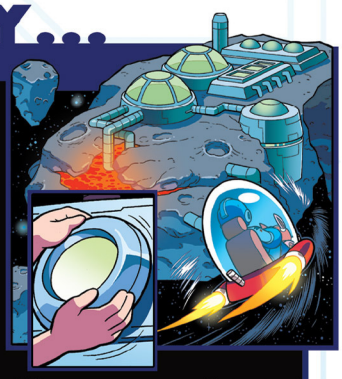

But the Energy Elements were stolen by a group of rogue Robot Masters, all of whom are secretly working for Dr. Wily. With Mega Man and his support team distracted by the hunt, Dr. Wily's master plan is coming together unnoticed.

As Mega Man hunts down the Robot Masters, our hero is both playing into Dr. Wily's grand scheme **and placing himself in mortal danger...**

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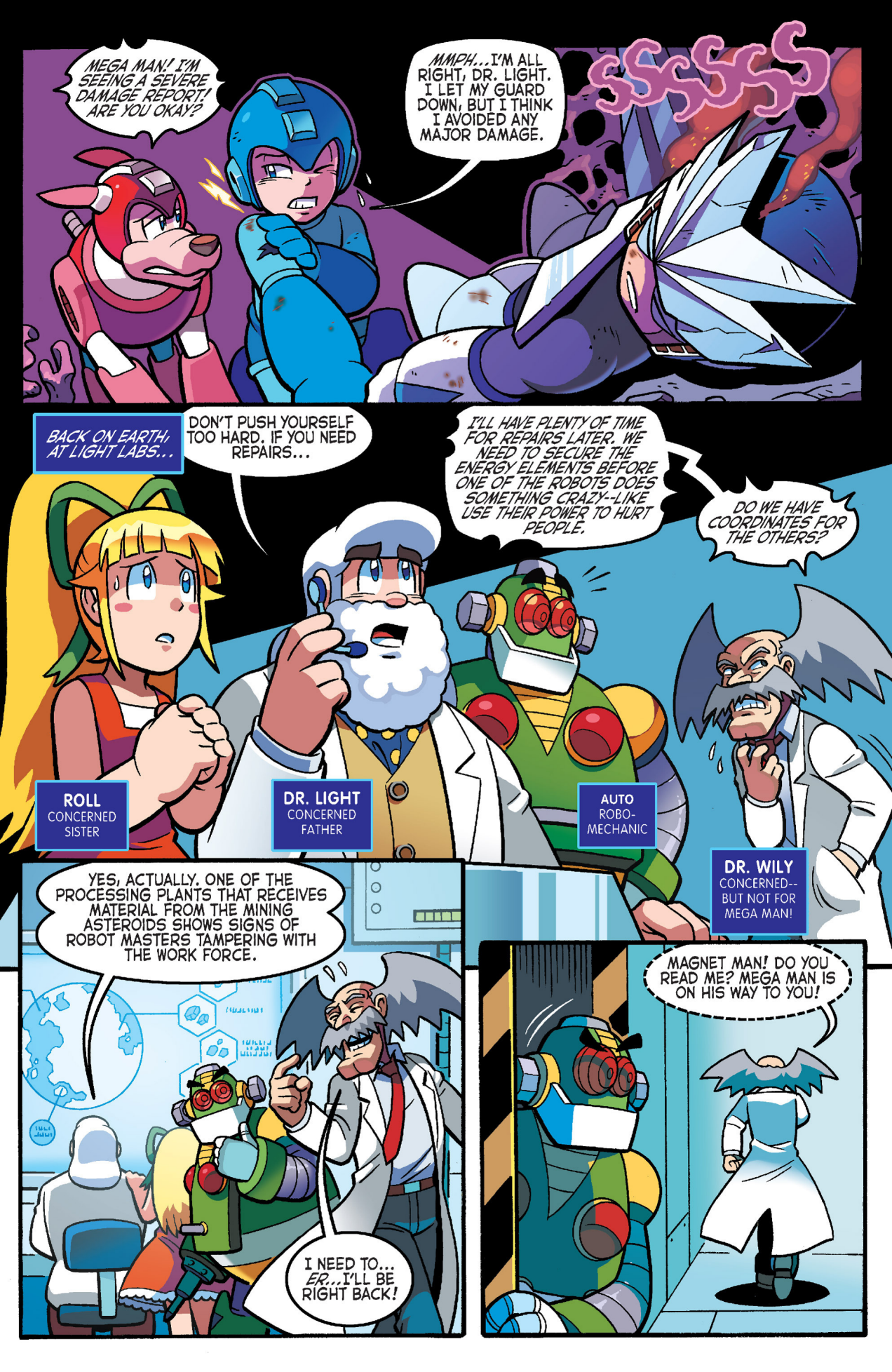
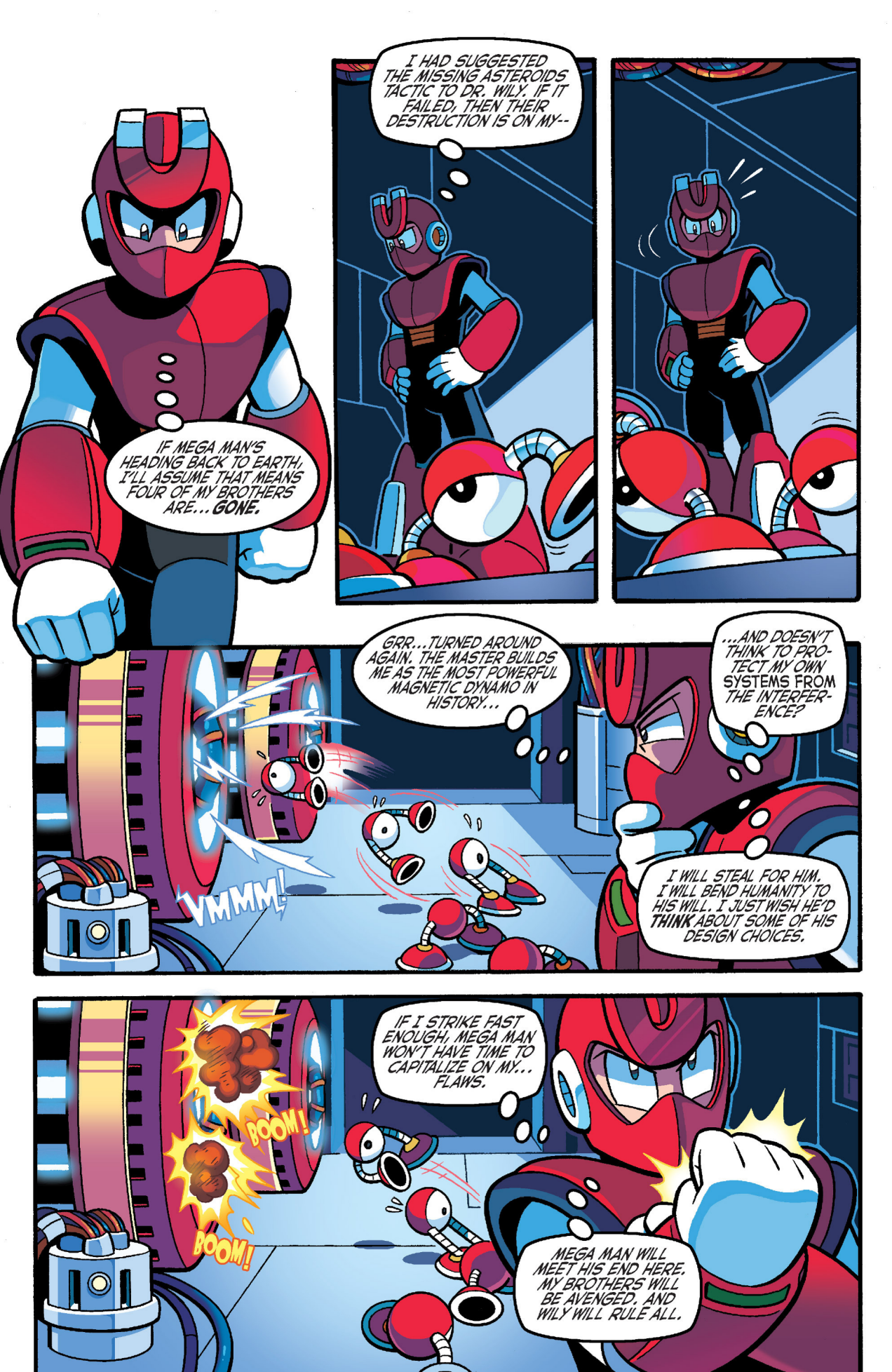
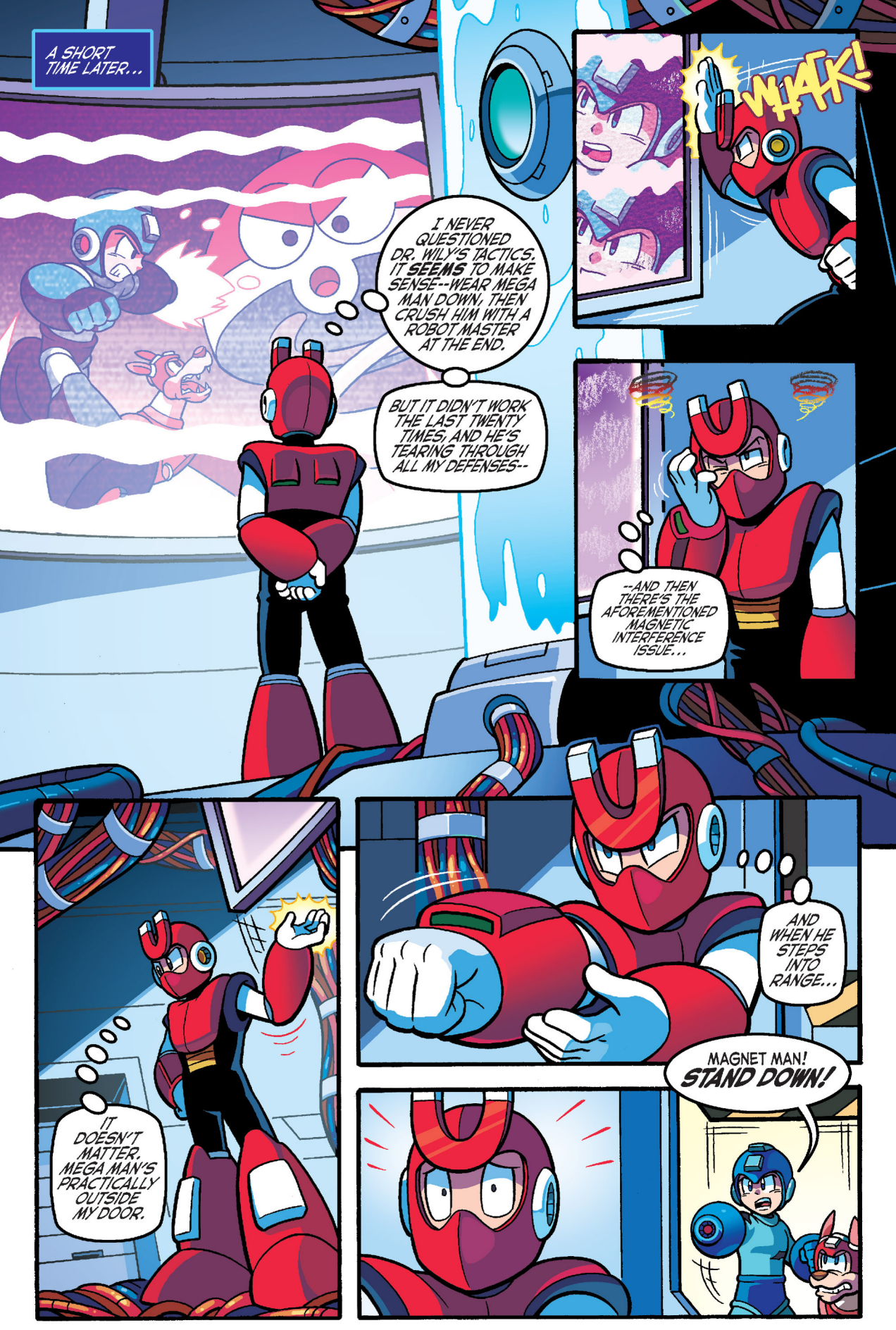
AHHH!
Legends of the BLUE BOMBER
Part Three: WITHOUT DIRECTION, WITH DISDAIN
MEGA MAN
AMBUSHED HERO
GEMINI MAN
SELF-DUPLICATING ROBOT
RUSH
FAITHFUL ROBO-DOG
YOU... DODGED?! HOW--?!
BLAM!


MEGA MAN! I'M SEEING A SEVERE DAMAGE REPORT! ARE YOU OKAY?
MMPH...I'M ALL RIGHT, DR. LIGHT. I LET MY GUARD DOWN, BUT I THINK I AVOIDED ANY MAJOR DAMAGE.
SSSSSS
BACK ON EARTH, AT LIGHT LABS...
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD. IF YOU NEED REPAIRS...
I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME FOR REPAIRS LATER. WE NEED TO SECURE THE ENERGY ELEMENTS BEFORE ONE OF THE ROBOTS DOES SOMETHING CRAZY--LIKE USE THEIR POWER TO HURT PEOPLE.
DO WE HAVE COORDINATES FOR THE OTHERS?
ROLL CONCERNED SISTER
DR. LIGHT CONCERNED FATHER
AUTO ROBO-MECHANIC
DR. WILY CONCERNED--BUT NOT FOR MEGA MAN!
YES, ACTUALLY. ONE OF THE PROCESSING PLANTS THAT RECEIVES MATERIAL FROM THE MINING ASTEROIDS SHOWS SIGNS OF ROBOT MASTERS TAMPERING WITH THE WORK FORCE.
I NEED TO... ER...I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
MAGNET MAN! DO YOU READ ME? MEGA MAN IS ON HIS WAY TO YOU!

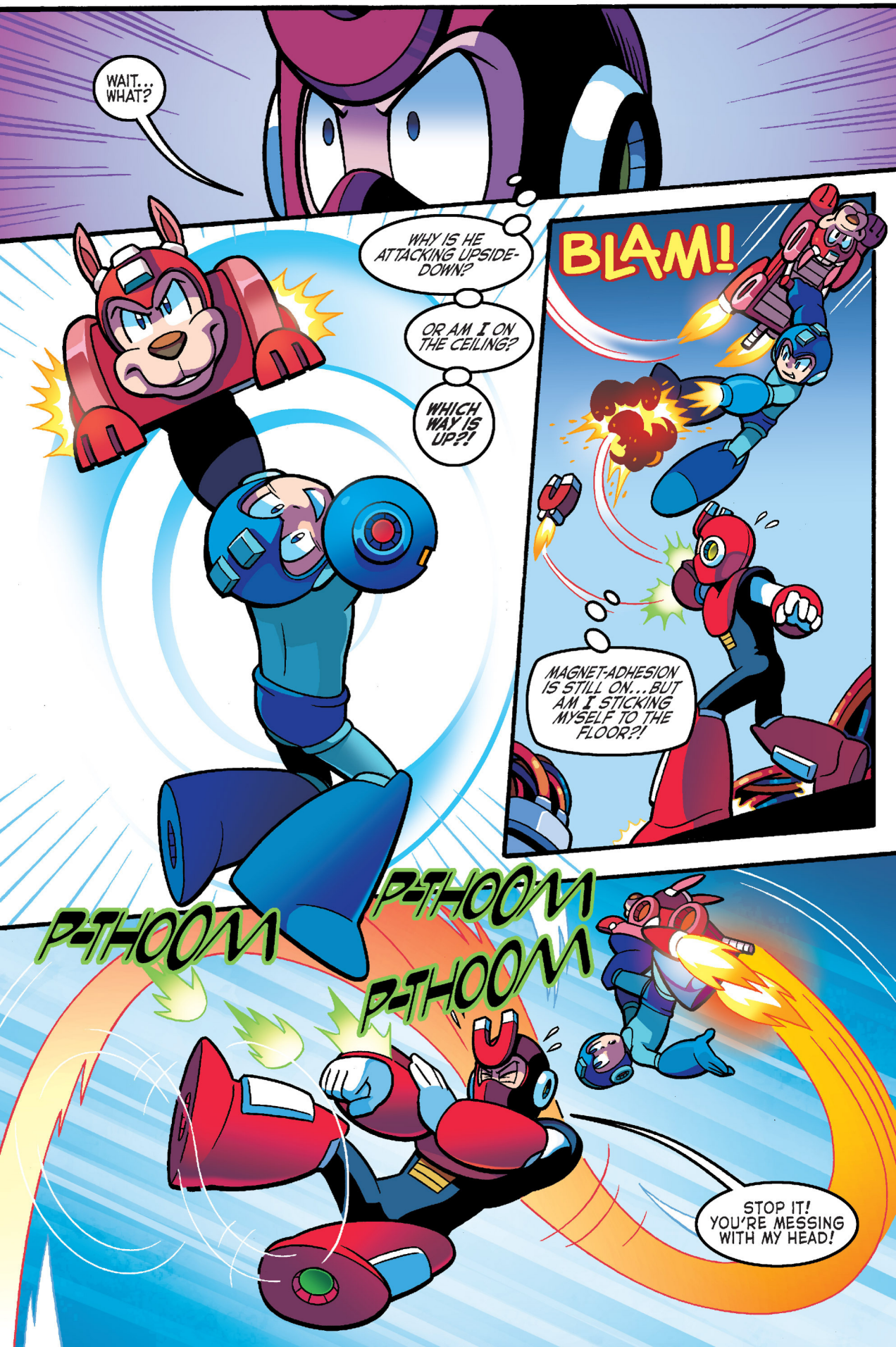
MAGNET MAN
DWN-018
MAGNETIC FORCE MANIPULATOR
TURNED ENEMY GENERAL
LET HIM COME, MASTER.
I'VE PREPARED FOR HIM.


I HAD SUGGESTED THE MISSING ASTEROIDS TACTIC TO DR. WILY. IF IT FAILED, THEN THEIR DESTRUCTION IS ON MY--
IF MEGA MAN'S HEADING BACK TO EARTH, I'LL ASSUME THAT MEANS FOUR OF MY BROTHERS ARE... GONE.
GRR...TURNED AROUND AGAIN. THE MASTER BUILDS ME AS THE MOST POWERFUL MAGNETIC DYNAMO IN HISTORY...
...AND DOESN'T THINK TO PROTECT MY OWN SYSTEMS FROM THE INTERFERENCE?
VMMM!
I WILL STEAL FOR HIM. I WILL BEND HUMANITY TO HIS WILL. I JUST WISH HE'D THINK ABOUT SOME OF HIS DESIGN CHOICES.
IF I STRIKE FAST ENOUGH, MEGA MAN WON'T HAVE TIME TO CAPITALIZE ON MY... FLAWS.
BOOM!
BOOM!
MEGA MAN WILL MEET HIS END HERE. MY BROTHERS WILL BE AVENGED. AND WILY WILL RULE ALL.


A SHORT TIME LATER...
I NEVER QUESTIONED DR. WILY'S TACTICS. IT SEEMS TO MAKE SENSE--WEAR MEGA MAN DOWN, THEN CRUSH HIM WITH A ROBOT MASTER AT THE END.
BUT IT DIDN'T WORK THE LAST TWENTY TIMES, AND HE'S TEARING THROUGH ALL MY DEFENSES--
WHAK!
--AND THEN THERE'S THE AFOREMENTIONED MAGNETIC INTERFERENCE ISSUE...
AND WHEN HE STEPS INTO RANGE...
IT DOESN'T MATTER. MEGA MAN'S PRACTICALLY OUTSIDE MY DOOR.
MAGNET MAN! STAND DOWN!

FT-TOOM
BLAM!
WUURRR
NOT BAD!
BUT CAN YOU KEEP UP SUCH MOVES...
...AMID THE MAGNETIC INTERFERENCE OF *EVERY CONDUCTOR IN THIS FACILITY?*
VMMMMM
WHOA...

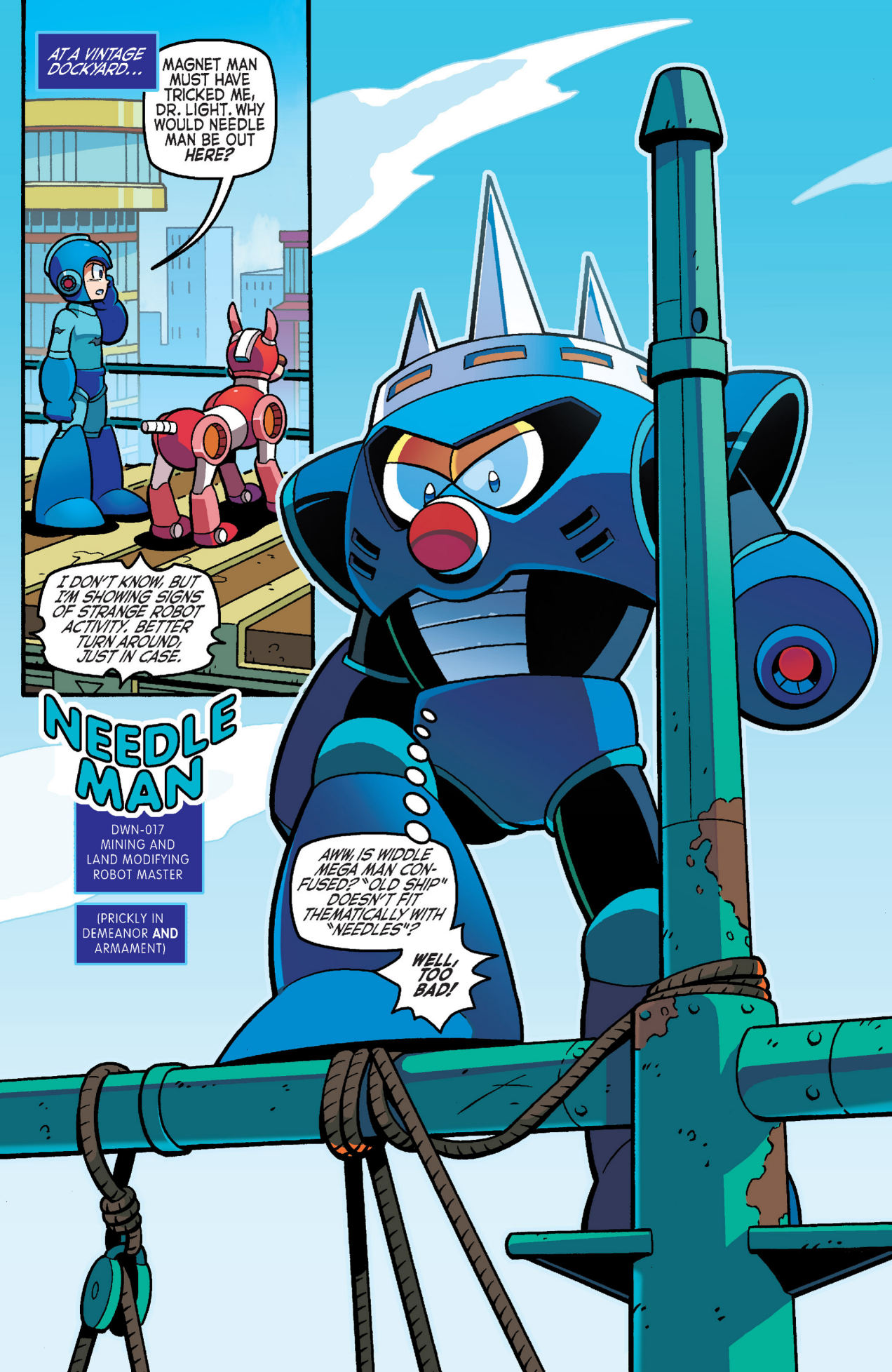
P-THOOM
P-THOOM
P-THOOM
WHAT THE--?!
BLAM!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, KID? CAN'T THINK THREE-DIMENSIONALLY?
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
YOU TALK BIG...BUT LET'S SEE IF *YOU* CAN HANDLE SOME MISDIRECTION...
RUSH JET! HERE, BOY!

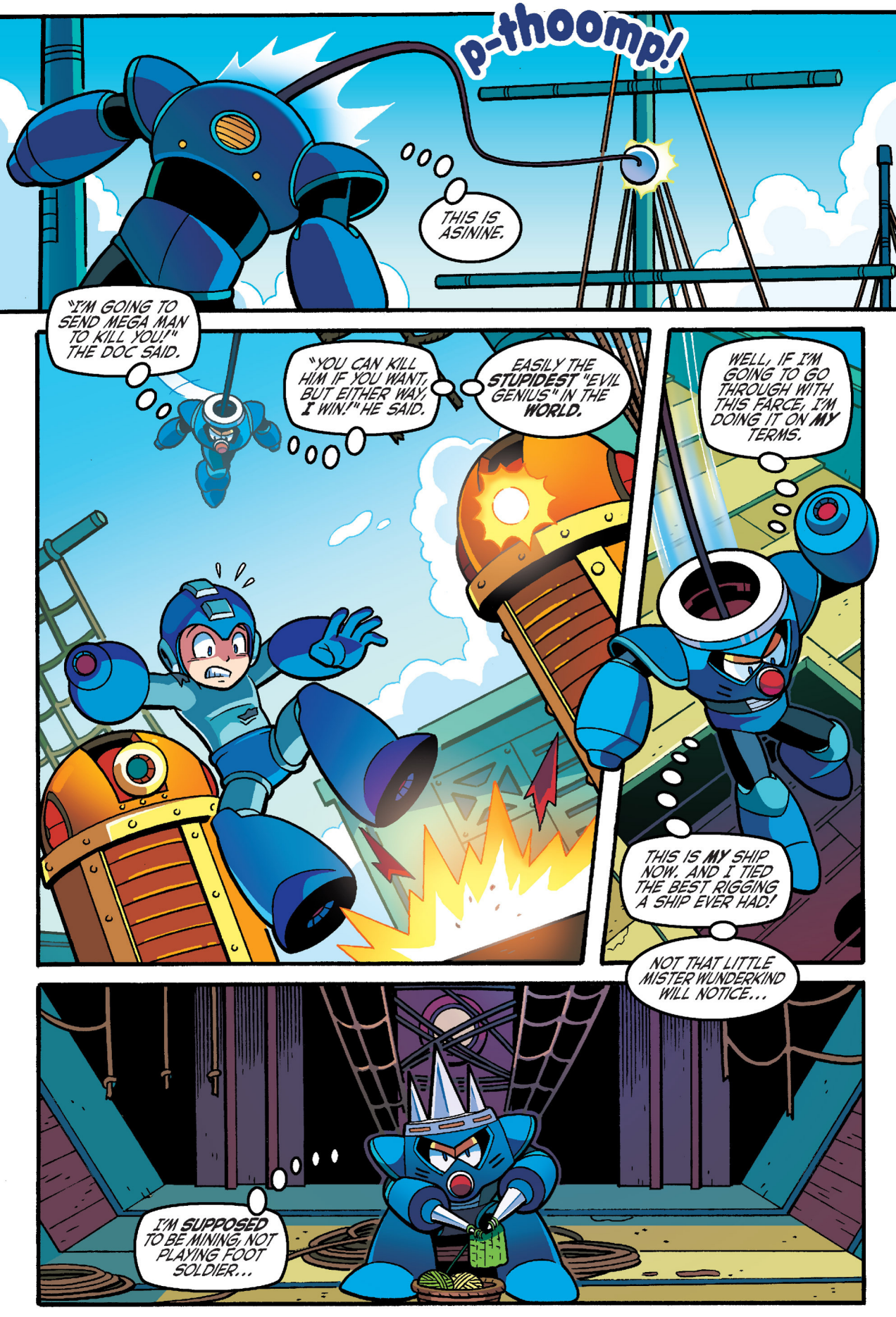

WAIT... WHAT?
WHY IS HE ATTACKING UPSIDE-DOWN?
OR AM I ON THE CEILING?
WHICH WAY IS UP?!
BLAM!
MAGNET-ADHESION IS STILL ON...BUT AM I STICKING MYSELF TO THE FLOOR?!
P-THOOM
P-THOOM
P-THOOM
STOP IT! YOU'RE MESSING WITH MY HEAD!

ERGH!
THUDD
WEAPON EQUIP!
SHADOW BLADE
NOW I'VE GOT YOU!
SHING!
SHING!
ARGH!
UGH... REMIND ME TO ASK DR. LIGHT WHY I WAS PROGRAMMED FOR NAUSEA...
HMPH...YOU REALLY THREW ME OFF MY GAME...QUITE THE TACTICAL PROCESSOR FOR A HOUSE-BOT.
BUT YOU WON'T MAKE IT FAR WHEN YOU LITERALLY CAN'T TAKE A STEP! THIS PLACE WILL BE YOUR MAGNETIZED TOMB!
VMMMMMM

UNTIL I SHUT YOU DOWN.
WHY DO YOU WILY-BOTS ALWAYS MAKE ME DO THIS?
WE HAVE NO CHOICE. IT'S OUR FUNCTION.
GO AHEAD, KID. FINISH IT.
THIS ISN'T THE END FOR YOU. I'LL SAVE YOUR I.C. CHIP SO DR. LIGHT CAN REBUILD YOU. I'LL DO IT FOR ALL YOUR BROTHERS, TOO.
PLEASE--TELL ME WHERE THE OTHER THREE ARE.
HELP ME END THIS.
...TELL THEM I WENT DOWN FIGHTING.
YOU DID--AND I WILL.

MEANWHILE--FEDERAL PRISON, MAXIMUM SECURITY WING...
...THEN MOVED HIM SO HE COULDN'T HURT ANYONE OR HIMSELF.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHERE DID HE GET THE SHIV?
WE DON'T KNOW. HE KEEPS MAKING THEM SOMEHOW.
CREEPY.
BUT HE SEEMS CONTENT TO JUST USE IT FOR GRAFFITI. IF HE STARTS MARKING HIMSELF, WE'LL MOVE HIM TO A PADDED CELL.
OKAY. MAYBE WE'LL GET DR. WILY FOR HIS ROOMMATE.
YOU DON'T BELIEVE HIS STORY ABOUT RA MOON?
DO YOU?
OH, WILY WILL HAVE HIS RECKONING. WE ALL WILL. THE TIME WILL COME, AND WORLDS WILL COLLIDE AGAIN...


AT A VINTAGE DOCKYARD...
MAGNET MAN MUST HAVE TRICKED ME, DR. LIGHT. WHY WOULD NEEDLE MAN BE OUT HERE?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I'M SHOWING SIGNS OF STRANGE ROBOT ACTIVITY. BETTER TURN AROUND, JUST IN CASE.
NEEDLE MAN
DWN-017 MINING AND LAND MODIFYING ROBOT MASTER
(PRICKLY IN DEMEANOR AND ARMAMENT)
AWW, IS WIDDLE MEGA MAN CONFUSED? "OLD SHIP" DOESN'T FIT THEMATICALLY WITH "NEEDLES"?
WELL, TOO BAD!


p-thoomp!
THIS IS ASININE.
"I'M GOING TO SEND MEGA MAN TO KILL YOU!" THE DOC SAID.
"YOU CAN KILL HIM IF YOU WANT, BUT EITHER WAY, I WIN!" HE SAID.
EASILY THE STUPIDEST "EVIL GENIUS" IN THE WORLD.
WELL, IF I'M GOING TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS FARCE, I'M DOING IT ON MY TERMS.
THIS IS MY SHIP NOW. AND I TIED THE BEST RIGGING A SHIP EVER HAD!
NOT THAT LITTLE MISTER WUNDERKIND WILL NOTICE...
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE MINING, NOT PLAYING FOOT SOLDIER...

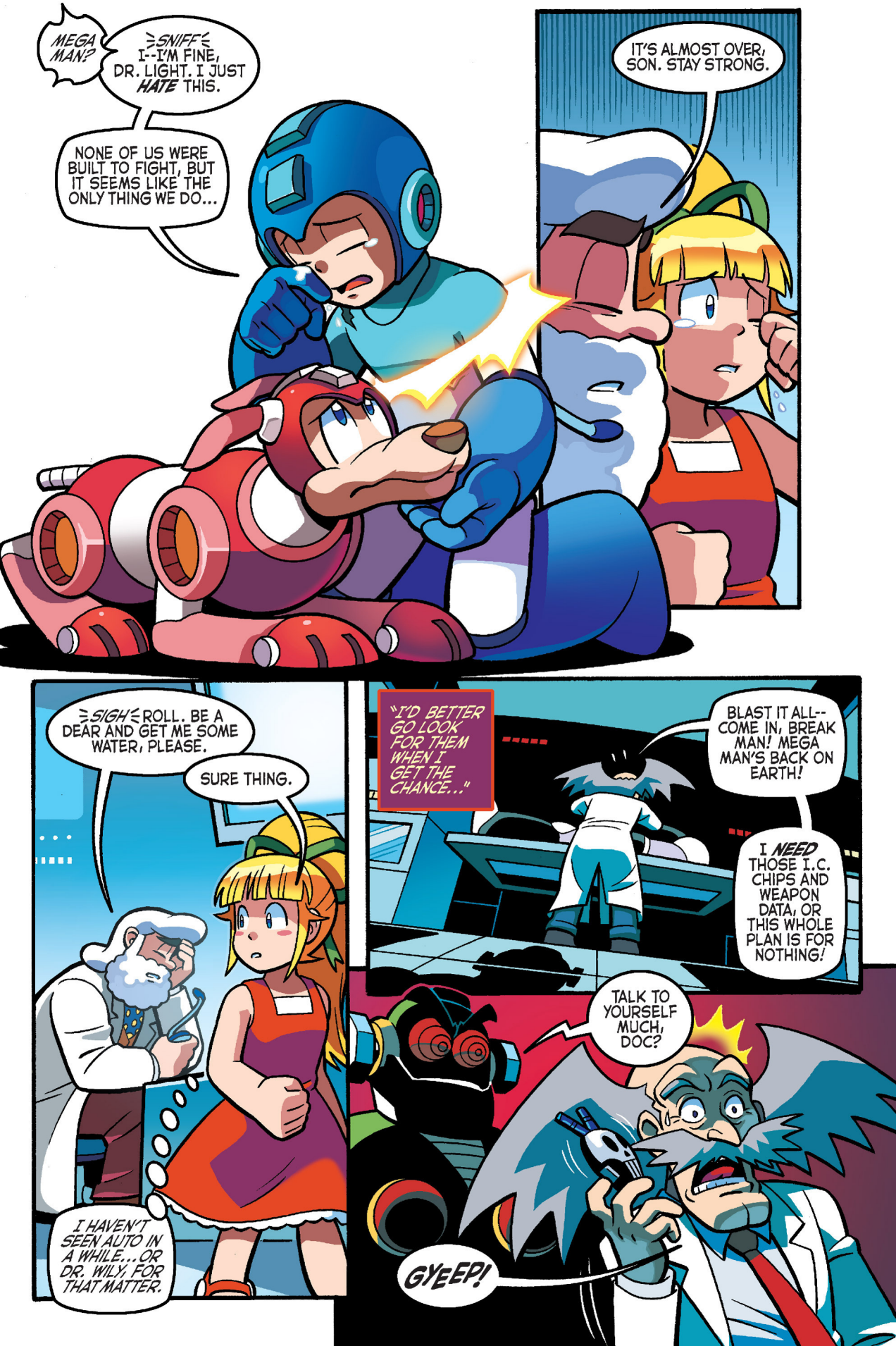
SHORTLY...
NEEDLE MAN? STEP AWAY FROM THE ENERGY ELEMENT AND--!
--ARE YOU CROCHETING?
KNITTING! TWO ACTIVE NEEDLES, YOU MORON! WERE YOU BUILT IN A BARN?
WORLD'S WORST BOSS
OH, DO...DO YOU WANT ME TO WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE FINISHED?
OH, NO-NO-NO. BY ALL MEANS, SHOOT ME IN THE FACE. PLEASE! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR IT.
...REALLY?

DID ONE OF MY BROTHERS SMASH YOUR SARCASM CHIP?
AHH! I DON'T KNOW! NOTHING ABOUT THIS PLACE MAKES SENSE!
EVERYONE GAVE ME SASS ABOUT THIS PLACE! "IT'S NOT IN THEME!"
WELL, WHAT WOULD BE IN THEME?! A YARN FACTORY? OOOH--SCARY!
WEAPON EQUIP! TOP SPIN!
HARD MAN ALREADY PICKED A CAVE--I CAN'T BE REDUNDANT! SO WHERE ELSE COULD--
SHING!
SHING!
SHING!
SHING!
GAH!

NEVER.
DO THAT.
AGAIN!
I DON'T WANT TO! I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU OR YOUR BROTHERS!
WHY WON'T ANY OF YOU GIVE UP PEACEFULLY?!
WE CAN'T! WE'RE TOOLS! WE HAVE TO SERVE OUR FUNCTION!
I WASN'T BUILT TO FIGHT! I CHANGED! YOU CAN, TOO!
NO! YOU WERE BUILT TO "HELP PEOPLE"! YOU GET A NICE, FUZZY DEFINITION TO WORK WITHIN!
WE WEREN'T GIVEN THAT! "FIGHT MEGA MAN!" "DESTROY MEGA MAN!"

p-thoomp!
IT'S ALL WE'RE GOOD FOR!!!
FWOOM
WEAPON EQUIP!
GEMINI LASER
GOOD BOY!
CHOMP!
OH, NOT THIS AGAIN...

AUGH!!!
BZEET!
BZEET!
BZEET!
...I FREAKED OUT OVER THE NEEDLES...
...SO, OF COURSE, YOU USE THE PIERCING LASER.
I'M SORRY-- THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANTED.
IT'S NEVER ABOUT WHAT WE WANT. WE'RE JUST TOOLS, KID.
SO DO YOUR JOB. TAKE THE SHOT.
BZEET!


MEGA MAN?
≥SNIFF≤ I--I'M FINE, DR. LIGHT. I JUST HATE THIS.
NONE OF US WERE BUILT TO FIGHT, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THE ONLY THING WE DO...
IT'S ALMOST OVER, SON. STAY STRONG.
≥SIGH≤ ROLL. BE A DEAR AND GET ME SOME WATER, PLEASE.
SURE THING.
I HAVEN'T SEEN AUTO IN A WHILE...OR DR. WILY, FOR THAT MATTER.
"I'D BETTER GO LOOK FOR THEM WHEN I GET THE CHANCE..."
BLAST IT ALL--COME IN, BREAK MAN! MEGA MAN'S BACK ON EARTH!
I NEED THOSE I.C. CHIPS AND WEAPON DATA, OR THIS WHOLE PLAN IS FOR NOTHING!
TALK TO YOURSELF MUCH, DOC?
GYEEP!

ROLL WAS RIGHT! YOU WERE SENDING OUT MESSAGES! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW, YA JERK?!
E-EASY, NOW, AUTO! Y-YOU JUST MISHEARD THINGS! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR AUDIO CARD!
THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' WRONG WITH--!
I SEE THE PROBLEM!
K--ZZT!
CRUNCH
WHUD!
SEE? FAULTY MEMORY BOARD.
NEXT TIME--THE THRILLING CONCLUSION! MEGA MAN VS. HARD MAN AND SPARK MAN! AND DR. WILY FINALLY MAKES HIS BIG MOVE! DON'T MISS THE ACTION-PACKED FINALE!
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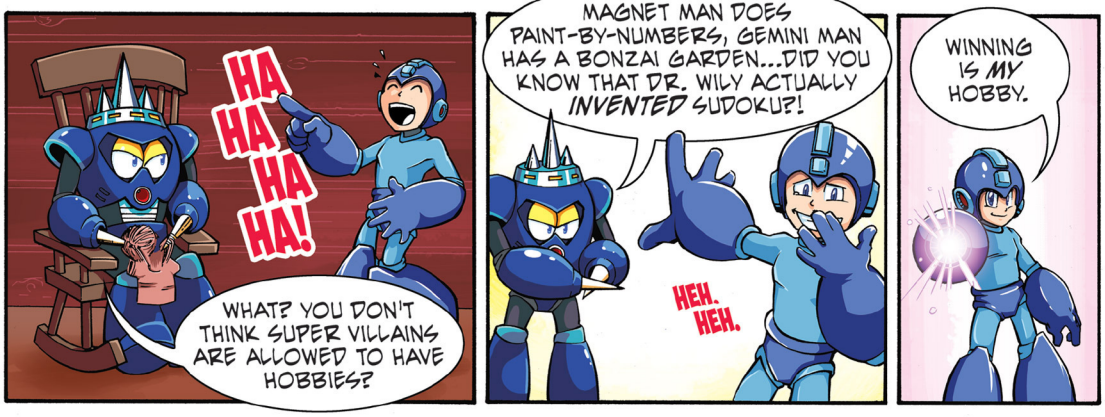
HA HA HA HA!
WHAT? YOU DON'T THINK SUPER VILLAINS ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE HOBBIES?
MAGNET MAN DOES PAINT-BY-NUMBERS, GEMINI MAN HAS A BONZAI GARDEN...DID YOU KNOW THAT DR. WILY ACTUALLY *INVENTED* SUDOKU?!
HEH. HEH.
WINNING IS *MY* HOBBY.

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Dear Mega-Mail,
I liked Mega Man #41, not only for the story itself, but I also liked all the groundwork that went into it. Unlike the other adaptations which went by quickly, the Mega Man 3 adaptation had plenty of time to develop. We got to see the origin of the stage 3 Robot Masters and got to know them before Mega Man jumped into battle with them. All the elements from the game, to Blues' backstory to Gamma, and even the DOC robots were explored nicely. I enjoyed this buildup greatly, and now it's really paying off.

It's certainly been a long journey leading up to this story! Happy to hear you're digging it!

It's nice to see Dr. Wily slowly, methodically plotting and scheming to forward his goals. It's a lot more involved than "steal robots and conquer the world!" It's nice to see that he is a credible threat here, as he's staying one step ahead of the situation.

Indeed! Not to mention he's doing so right under Dr. Light's nose AND roof!

Kudos to Roll for catching on to him and stalling his plans, which also makes her a more solid character.

Roll is more than a house keeper, she can be just as heroic as her twin brother as displayed in Mega Man vol. 5 (which is available now btw)!

It was also nice to see the Robot Masters' perspective a little bit more. It adds a lot to the charm of the series. The audience can share Rock's grief more when he has to confront them.

This squad of Robot Masters all have very unique personalities and goals. We want to make sure we highlight their importance just as much as Rock.

But of course, since we all played Mega Man 3 before, we know this is only the beginning! I can't wait to see how Blues fits in to the whole plot!

-Jonathan G. sent to MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the praise, Jonathan! Mega Man 3 is one of my personal favorites from the classic era, right up there with Mega Man 2. It's only going to get crazier from here on in, so get psyched!

We'll see y'all next time for the big finale of "Legends of the Blue Bomber"!

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